### LIVE POLITICAL TOPICS

There is Some Talk of a Conference Between Senators of Both

Parties.

Yesterday, but Otherwise Does Little Work.

A Rumor About a Foolish Scheme Proposed by the Republican Senators-Developments Looked for.

The former feverish excitement in political circles has been followed by a series of long and frequent conferences. While the situation is practically unchanged since the legislative assembling, there is no certainty that each day will not bring forth startling developments. The rumors of compromises and changes and alleged schemes of radical and changes and alleged schemes of radical movemements are very numerous, but there is at the present time no outward indication of any change whatever in the positions that have been assumed by the party leaders or legislative assemblies. It is certain that the execution of the plot exposed in Monday's INDEPENDENT was thoroughly planned and would have undoubtedly been started had not the leaders been frightened by the advance publication. The whole matter was so ridiculed and hooted by men of both parties that the attempt was given up. It may be tried yet after the noise has died away, but it is probable that the conspirators have seen the expediency of giving it up for good. The fact that the scheme met with disapproval from the better and more sensible republicans gives added reason for with disapproval from the better and more sensible republicans gives added reason for believing that no wholesale defiance of the law of this kind will be attempted even to further the ends of the party drivers. How the Independent got hold of the affair is a mystery not yet solved by the conspirators.

There is a wide derence of opinion as to

W. A. Clark, with whom he is interested in smelting industries. While not so much of a figure in politics as his brother, who is one of the smartest politicians in the country, Col. Wolcott is thoroughly posted on political affairs. In addition he is a man of large wealth and shrewd business instincts. His appearance would attract more than ordinary attention in a crowd, He has a well built figure, on which is 6. a well built figure, on which is a large shapely head. His face is snooth shaven, and he has a pair of pleasant light blue eyes. If he wore a silk hat with his striped shirt and blue clothes he would have the appearance of a well-to-do sporting man. Col. Wolcott refused to talk politics, more than to deplore the misfor-tune of a legislative deadlock. It is known however, that he remarked to an intimate friend that the republicans were entirely in the wrong in this matter. Col. Wolcott's side visit had no political significance, and he left last evening for Denver.

day morning at 10 o'clock. There being no In conclusion the verdict says: "In the quorum present a recess of fifteen minutes was taken, when a quorum being found the house resumed. Leave of absence until Monday was granted Mr. Courtney. Mr. Toole, as chairman of the committee of the Toole, as chairman of the committee of the whole, made a retort that was adopted. Mr. Comly's motion that the rules be printed was adopted. Upon motion of Mr. Penrose, a recess of thirty minutes was taken. This lasted until 12 o'clock, a long caucus being held in the meanwhile. A recess of the house was taken until 2 p. m. Little was done at the afternoon session. The publication of the rules was referred to the committee on supplies. Mr. Pool's inquiry after the committee on mileage brought forth a reply that the committee quiry after the committee on mileage brought forth a reply that the committee was not ready to report. Mr. Comly's resolution on the Silver Bow matter was not discussed, but made a special order for the morning hour. On m-tion of Mr. Toole the house then adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning. During the first recess of the morning session a pleasant incident occurred. When Mr. Wallace came on the floor he was greeted

The republican senators met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, and immediately adjourned until that hour this morning. During the recess that followed Lieut .- Gov.

representatives of both sides are acting as coyly about the matter as a pair of rustic lovers. The meeting was arranged for the other day at the Cosmopolitan hotel. The democratic senators were promptly on hand at the appointed hour, but their republican friends failed to come to time. Yesterday morning four senators, two from each party, met for an explanation. The republicans claim to have misunderstood the hour, place of meeting, etc., but they expressed

willingness and desire to have the conference take place. They will therefore probably meet in a friendly way to discuss the situation from individual standpoints. It will in no wise be an official meeting, and it is probable that only a few senators on each side will be present.

### THE RUMP MEETING.

It didn't take Witter more than a minute to call off the roll of business yesterday morning when the ramps met. Chaplain Webb lengthened out the session somewhat Millions of Acres Can be Saved. The House Holds Three Caucuses by a little longer prayer than he made on the preceding day. When Witter reached the end of the call he said the rules still remained for further consideration, but if the mained for further consideration, but if the house had no objection he would pass them for the present. No objection was made. The rules have furnished employment for the rumps for several days, and they have been amended and amended in the committee of the whole. Cory then moved a recess until 10 a, m. this morning, after which the aggregation filed out into the front committee room and went into caucus with the doors closed to all except the rumps. It has been hinted that this matter of caucusing is doors closed to all except the tunps. It has been hinted that this matter of caucusing is but a bluff—just to make people believe that they are going to do something. After the caucus they all come out looking wise and solemn and let drop mysterious hints, but gave utterance to no tangible thing—not enough to make a dent on the waxed cylindron or the contractors. der of a phonograph.

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fense was organized before the murder was committed; then followed the result of the expert testimony as to the bloodstains and the alibi evidence for O'Sullivan and Cough-

### THE TRIBUNE FIRE.

The Owners Censured and the Network of Wires Condemned.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 5 .- The coroner's jury on the bodies of the victims of the Tribune omilding fire, brought in a verdict this evenng. It declares the owners of the Tribune building, if not legally responsible, are morally culpable for the loss of life. They and the fire originated in the rooms of the The house of representatives met yester- Bepublican league, from causes unknown. opinion of the jury, had it not been for the obstruction met with in the electric light wires, a ladder would have been erected in time to have saved all the people that were in the sixth and seventh stories at the time of the arrival of the fire department, and Robert McCutcheon would not bave fallen and perhaps others who went down the fire escape would have availed themselves of the opportunity offered by the fire depart-ment ladders, instead of braving the fire and smoke to reach the fire escape. Therefore we would recommend that the city authorities take summary steps to have all electric wires in the heart of the city placed under ground."

Fecundity of the Sunfish. Last summer Mr. Fred Mather, superintendent of the New York fishery commission, computed the eggs in one of our common pond sunfishes. The extreme length of on the floor he was greeted with the applause of his friends. After he had reached his seat a line was formed and a series of congratulations followed. Each representative, with a warm grasp of the hand, wished Mr. Wallace all the joy in his married life that could be given to mortal man. After the handshaking Mr. Wallace, in a few appropriate words, thanked his friends for their beautiful wedding present. He said that his heart was too full of gratitude for the kindness of his friends. He hoped that he would be as kindly thought of in the future. Mr. Wallace's manner indicated that he was deeply impressed with the expression of good will from his fellow laborers in the house. the fish, including the caudal fin, was 634 or on shallow spots, and, according to Mr.
Mather, it is the male fish which guards the
nest and keeps off intruders after the eggs
are laid, a fact not known to ichthyologists
who study fishes after they have been kept
in slowly.

Mrs, Mackey Victorious.

LONDON, Dec. 5.-The action brought by Mrs. John W. Mackey against the proprie-Also appointed Woodman Paynter as a temporary page.

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It is probable an informal conference will be held by a few republican and democratic senators in the course of a few days. The

Major Powell Tells the New Yorkers About the Possibilities of the West.

But the Cost Will be Enormous.

A Proposal for the Issue of Community Bonds to Pay for the Work-The Laws Necessary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.-Major Powell, chief of the federal commission to report upon the best method of irrigating the arid lands of the country, read a paper upon the subject before the chamber of commerce this afternoon. He began with the statement that about half the lands in the United States, exclusive of Alaska, are arid. These lands, he said, so far as they can be brought under cultivation by irrigation, are the best lands in the country, because crops are certain, not being subject to the chances of extreme wetand extreme dry season as, s in the case of lands dependent upon rains. Of 1,000,000,000 acres of arid lands in the United States, about 6,000,000 are now under cultivation by irrigation, and about 120,000,000 altogether can be rendered arable by that method. Major Powell estimates the construction of reservoirs, canals and other works necessary will cost at the rate of \$10 per acre. Assuming 100,000,000 acres are to be redeemed in this way, the cost will aggregate \$1,000,000,000.

The forests at the headwaters of these

Attorney Hynes Talks for the Prosecution in the Cronin Case.

Chicago. Dec. 5.—In the Cronin case today, J. H. Hines, of the prosecution, addressed the jury. He began his argument by arranging facts to show the line of defense was organized before the murder was committed; then followed the result of the expert testimony as to the bloodstains and the allbi evidence for O'Sullivan and Cough-There is a wide of creace of opinion as to the length of time the deadlock will continue. Lieut-Gov, Rickards thinks that will be broken shortly, though he admiss that he has no substantial grounds for the bedief. It is easy that the sees no prospect of the deadlock ending, and he believe the says that he sees no prospect of the deadlock ending, and he believe the says that the sees no prospect of the deadlock ending, and he believe the same than the proposal to the talk. There is an equal variance of opinion among democratic leaders.

A ramor was noised about yesterday that the republican senators had made an offer to the democrate to join them. For cool cheek it is the nerviset compromise ever proposed by same men. The republican senators expressed their willingness to receive the democrate with this generous concession, that the question of United States stands are complished, even if the proposition to keep the care when the proposition to keep the care when the proposition to keep the care when the proposition of the proposition of the same couplished, even if the proposition to keep the care when the proposition of the proposition of a set of rules for the honse could have been accomplished, even if the proposition to keep the care of the proposition of the proposition of the same of the raphic and the proposition of the care of the proposition of the proposition of the same of the proposition of the proposit water enough to irrigate a million acres in Colorado would be reduced to only enough to irrigate one or two hundred thousand acres across the line in Kansas. The same

rule, Major Powell says, applies to the waters of the upper Missouri, Colorado, Rio Grande, Del Norte and Columbia rivers, He estimates the aggregate value of the waters of all these rivers at five thousand millions of dollars.

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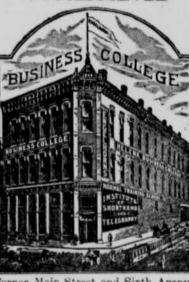
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